Coal Deposits in North Cachar Hill, Assam

4639. DR. JAYANTA RONGPI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the total coal deposits in the Hill districts of Karbi Anglong and North Cachar Hills in Assam:

(b) the annual production from these deposits at present: and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to develop the coal deposits in the said Hill districts as full-fledged productive unit?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) The total reserves of coal in Karbi Anglong and North Cachar Hill districts are as under:—

(Reserves in Million tonnes)

	Proved	Inferred	Total
1. Karbi Anglong District	0.52	1.50	2.02
2. North Cachar Hill District	0.17	0.52	0.69
	0.69	2.02	2.71

(b) and (c) The reserves explored till now not only meagre but are also widely distributed and do not have potential for commercial mining.

Exploration for Oil and Gas in North-Eastern Region

4640. DR. JAYANTA RONGPI: Will the Minister of PETRLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

whether any exploration work has been done so far in Karbi Anglong and North Cachar Hills districts of Assam for finding the crude oil and natural gas deposits:

(b) if so, the results achieved so far;

(c) if not, whether the Government propose to take up exploration in the said districts; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Data from geoscientific surveys is being processed.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Hyderabad and Visakhapatnam Airports as International Airports

4641. SHRI K.V.R CHOWDARY:
SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are proposals to improve facilities at Hyderabad and Visakhapatnam airports for their conversion into International Airports; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard?